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X Amendment  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

In re Application of: Kenneth C. Gardeski et al.  
For: IMPROVED SLITTING TOOL  
Serial No.: 10/078,026  
Filed: February 15, 2002

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 I hereby certify that this Amendment and Transmittal and the paper(s), as described herein are being sent to telefacsimile No. (703) 872-9306, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this

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- ☐ Applicant hereby petitions for \_\_\_\_\_ months' extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for extension of time and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ for a TOTAL OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00
- X** Please charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked on this Amendment Transmittal with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.
- X** Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2005, please enter the following Amendment.

Reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.